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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: ENGR, CB

SUBJECT: POL ROUNDUP

REF: PHNOM PENH 13340 (NOTAL)

1. IN SEVERAL MEETINGS BETWEEN TELA KHMER AND THE PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SHELL, THE LATTER AGREED TO DO HIS UTMOST TO DELIVER THE AMOUNTS UNDER THE EXISTING CONTRACT AS WELL AS THE SHORTAGES IN CERTAIN PRODUCTS WHICH DEVELOPED IN THE LAST FIVE MONTHS. THIS EFFORT IS BEING MADE IN SPITE OF THE DESTRUCTION OF SHELL FACILITIES IN NHA BE FROM WHICH SOURCE MOST OF THE THE PRODUCTS WERE TO BE DELIVERED. THE SHELL REP IS LEAVING FOR SINGAPORE TO ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE SUBSTITUTE DELIVERIES MADE FROM THERE AND, ALTHOUGH HE CANNOT GUARANTEE IT, SEEMS FAIRLY CONFIDENTIAL

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CERTAIN THAT HE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. HOWEVER, EVEN THAT THIS

DEVELOPMENT WOULD IMPROVE THE SHORTAGES IN SOME PRODUCTS, THE OUTLOOK TOWARD THE OVERALL BUILDUP OF STOCKS REMAINS BLEAK.

2. IN SPITE OF THE ABOVE AND THE FACT THAT CEVTEX SHOULD NOW BE ABLE TO DELIVER THE PRODUCTS FOR WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE UNDER THEIR CONTRACT, AS OF JAN 1, 1974, WE WILL STILL BE SHORT OF ALL PRODUCTS FOR THE CIVILIAN SECTOR EXCEPT AVGAS 115. THIS IN ON THE BASIS OF RECENT CONSUMPTION AND RESUPPLY TARGETS.

MOGAS (O) MINUS 1,918
KEROSENE (KO) MINUS 3,062
AUTO DIESEL (ADO) MINUS 15,674
INDUSTRIAL DIESEL(IDO) MINUS 2,131
FUEL OIL (FO) MINUS 5,960
JP-1 MINUS 126
AVGAS 100 MINUS 1,430
AVGAS 115 PLUS 900

IN TERMS OF DAYS OF SUPPLY, OR DAY OF THEIR EXHAUSTION, THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES AS OF JAN 2, 1974 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MO 11 DAYS
KO JAN 1.
ADO DEC. 14
IDO 12 DAYS
FO 20 DAYS
JP-1 20 DAYS

AVGAS 115

AVGAS 100 DEC. 27 (CAN BE REPLACED BY AVGAS 115 OF WHICH

AMPLE SUPPLY)

80 DAYS

3. IF THE MILITARY SHOULD REPAY THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE ADO THEY OWE TO TELA KHMER, THE SITUATION IN THAT PRODUCT, AT LEAST, WOULD CONSIDERABLY IMPROVE.

4. IN ITS MEETING TODAY, THE COUNCIAL OF MINISTERS DEFERRED ACTION ON POL PRICES INCREASES. THE MATTER WILL BE PUT UNDER FURTHER STUDY AND WILL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR FRIDAY'S CONFIDENTIAL

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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' MEETING.

5. SEPTEL FOLLOWS ON CONSERVATION MEASURES UNDER CONSIDERATION.

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